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SUBJECT: DAYAN HOPEFUL ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR "TRUE PEACE

SETTLEMENT"

1. DAYAN, IN ELOQUENT SPEECH AT GRADUATION CEREMONY IN YNAI FOR NEW PILOTS NOV 8, WHICH WAS CARRIED ON PRIME TIME OVER ISRAELI TV, EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT OUT OF CURRENT WAR MAY COME NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT LEADING TO PEACE BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS. FOLLOWING IS ABBREVIATED TEXT AS EXCERPTED BY PRESS (NO OFFICIAL TEXT ISSUED).

2. UOTE. WE ARE TODAY AT THE HEIGHT OF A WAR WITH THE CEASEFIRE YET TO BE ACHIEVED AND PERHAPS FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE OPENING OF A TRUE UNCLASSIFIED

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UACE SETTLEMENT.

- 3. THE FORCE, THE SUPERIORITY OF THE IDF IS A MORE DETERMINING FACTOR THAN ALL THE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE FORMULAS OF SC RESOLUTION) 242 AND ALL THE FACILE FORMULAS ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS, THE INTENTION OF WHICH IS ONLY THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS COUNTRY. WHEN OUR MILITARY FORCE IS GREATER THAN THE ARAB FORCE--THAT IS A FAR MORE DETERMINING FACTOR THAN ANY FORMULA.
- 4. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS (A SETTLEMENT), WE MUST GO THROUGH A STRUGGLE, A MILITARY STRUGGLE, A POLITICAL STRUGGLE, A STRUGGLE OF FACE AND A STRUGGLE OF POWER. AND WE CANNOT DO THAT THROUGH WHINING AND GRUMBLING. WE CAN DO THIS ONLY THROUGH OUR MILITARY MIGHT. BY NATIONAL UNITY AND BY FAITH IN OUR PURPOSE AND OUR OBJECTIVE.
- 5. FIRST AND FOREMOST WE MUST STRENGTHEN OUR MILITARY FORCE, THE ARMOR, THE INFANTRY, THE NAVY AND ABOVE ALL--THE BIRD OF FREEDOM, THE BIRD OF POWER--THE AIR FORCE.
- 6. PERHAPS, BECAUSE OF THIS REVERSE ORDER IN WHICH THINGS HAPPENDED, WE MAY NOW ACHIEVE REAL PEACE. THE ARABS DID NOT WANT TO RECOGNIZE US OR CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH US; THEY WANTED TO TAKE BY FORCE, AND ONLY BY FORCE; AND ONLY AFTER THIS WAY FAILED, A CRUSHING FAILURE--WILL THEY COME TO NEGOTIATIONS. THIS REVERSE ORDER SHATTERS ILLUSIONS. IT SHATTERS THE OPTION O TAKING FROM US BY FORCE. IT IS PERHAPS

THIS THAT THEIR FOURTH ATTEMPT TO OCCUPY AND DESTROY US BY FORCE HAS ENDED SO, THAT WE ARE ABOUT 40 KMS FROM DAMASCUS AND ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SUEZ CANAL--PERHAPS THANKS TO THIS WE WILL REACH A TRUE PEACE WITH THEM.

7. ISRAEL IS NOW GOING THROUGH A TIME OF DIFFICULT TEST, BUT ALSO A "MOMENT OF TRUTH." WE MUST NOT COMPARE THE BATTLES OF 1973 WITH THOSE OF 1967. THE ARABS ARE NOW DIFFERENT, THEIR WEAPONS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT ARE DIFFERENT, AND TO THAT YOU HAVE TO ADD: THE OIL, THE MONEY, THE FRIENDS, EUROPE, THE SOVIET UNIMF, WHOSE INVOLVEMENT NOW IS DIFFERENT. FROM AFRICA TO EUROPE ENEMIES AND EVEN FRIENDS.—INTHE WORLD IN WHICH WE UNCLASSIFIED

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LIVE TODAY IS NOT THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY. WE HAVE TO STAND WITH OUR FEET ON THE GROUND AND WITH OUR WEAPONS IN THIS REALISTIC WORLD.

8. I HOPE THAT AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR A TRUE PEACE, PERHAPS WE SHALL NOT GO BACK TO THE STALEMATE OF THE PAST. THIS CEASEFIRE, WHICH IS PERHAPS COMING INTO BEING AND BEING CONSOLIDATED, WILL NOT THROW US BACK TO A PERIOD OF

DEADLOCK LASTING YEARS OR MONTHS, BUT WILL PERHAPS BE AN OPENING
FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT AND A LASTING PEACE. END
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